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Enclosed are U.S. Patent No. 5,852,099, which is the English language equivalent to cited foreign language European Patent No. EP 0 735 088, U.S. Patent No. 5,900,449, which is the English language equivalent to cited foreign language European Patent No. EP 0 810 258, NY02:467399.1

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U.S. Patent No. 6,610,261 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2003/0202923, which are the English language equivalent to cited foreign language International Publication No. WO 99/28376, U.S. Patent No. 4,550,142, which is the English language equivalent to cited foreign language French Patent No. FR 2,526,030, U.S. Patent No. 6,013,718, which is the English language equivalent to cited foreign language French Patent No. FR 2,740,778, U.S. Patent No. 5,066,721, which is the English language equivalent to cited foreign language International Publication No. WO 88/05448, U.S. Patent No. 5,977,238, which is the English language equivalent to cited foreign language French Patent No. FR 2,765,882 and Canadian Patent No. 2,303,559, which is the English language equivalent to cited foreign language European Patent No. EP 1 043 357.

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